

BIG ARMY AND NAVY  
DEMANDED BY TAFTWar Secretary Speaks Twice  
in New Hampshire.

## DEFENDS MR. ROOSEVELT

Says President Is a Factor in  
International Peace.Moral Awakening Shows Heart of  
the People to Be Right, Cabinet Of-  
ficer Tells Residents of Manchester.  
Big Crowds Hear Him, and His  
Addresses Are Frequently Applaud-  
ed—Railroads Comply with Law.

Manchester, N. H., Feb. 18.—Secretary of War William H. Taft passed the afternoon and night in this city the guest of the Taft Association of New Hampshire and Gov. Charles M. Floyd. The secretary dined at the Derryfield Club with a party of thirty prominent Republicans, and then went to the Calumet Club, where he was welcomed by Mayor Eugene Reed. After a visit to the State Armory, he spoke in the evening to an audience of 1,800 in Mechanics' Hall. Mr. Taft's speech was a plea for Republican party unity.

After reviewing the history of the party, he said that it is the party of expansion and world-influence, and went on: "We got into the business without intending to increase our territory at all. Public opinion forced the Spanish war. We began in the West Indies, but soon found ourselves 10,000 miles away. The Philippine Islands were in our hands, and to save them from chaos and suffering it was necessary that we should exercise control of them. We have governed them on an altruistic basis. They are willing to accept our ideals and work out their salvation on lines we have laid out for them."

## Favors Military Increase.

Mr. Taft here spoke of the uneasiness felt when President Roosevelt took the place made vacant by the death of President McKinley; of how it was feared that he would give too much emphasis to the military side of the government, and the increase of the army and navy.

"They have been greatly increased," said Mr. Taft, "and they should be still further increased. President Roosevelt has been a factor for international peace bigger than any former President, and bigger than any king."

In conclusion Mr. Taft said: "In the great industrial expansion which we have witnessed recently, greed took such hold upon some men that they forgot the laws of God and man. Abuses crept in to the managing of great corporations. Then came a moral awakening which showed that now as always, the heart of the people is right. The Republican party will guide this moral awakening in the right way, and with a sense of moral responsibility."

## Speaks at Concord.

Earlier in the day Secretary Taft was the guest of the Taft Association of New Hampshire, at Concord. A committee of the State association met him in Boston this morning and escorted him by special train. He was met by 3,000 citizens at the Concord station. The guest was then driven in a carriage to the state house, where he was cordially received by Gov. Charles M. Floyd, his staff, and council.

At 11:30 a public reception was held at the Eagle Hotel and about 500 citizens embraced the opportunity of shaking the hand of Mr. Taft and receiving his greetings. At 12:30 a luncheon was served, at which 100 covers were laid. Those present included Winston Churchill, several ex-governors, members of the Supreme Court, and leaders in the State movement for Taft.

The Secretary spoke for about an hour this afternoon at Concord, taking for his topic "The history of the Republican party." He traced the party's progress from its inception in 1856 and reviewed its leading achievements, touching upon the money question, the Cuban and Philippine question, said that the tariff "should be re-examined in order to put it on a purely protective basis," and concluded as follows:

"The administration of Theodore Roosevelt has been devoted to bringing about an execution of the laws so that they shall protect the humble and the rich alike, and so that they shall be enforced equally against the humble and the rich. "It did not come easy to enforce the law against the wealthy because the character of the violations of the law that they are guilty of are not done in the light. The men who are poor and humble who violate the law, it is easy by the process of the court, to seize and commit to prison, but the wealthy men, who have influence, who occupy positions of high respectability, it takes courage in the governing authority to bring to the bar."

## SPEED SAVES MAN'S LIFE.

Injured Railroad Employee Is Har-  
ried to Hospital.

Middletown, N. Y., Feb. 18.—A record run by a locomotive and caboose on the Ontario and Western railroad from Ferndale to this city today, saved the life of William Avery, an employee of the railroad.

Avery was run over by his train at Ferndale and both legs cut off. An engine and caboose were at hand, the injured man was placed aboard and the run of forty miles to this city was made in less than an hour. An ambulance was in waiting when the train arrived and Avery hurriedly taken to a hospital.

Physicians said that had there been any delay they could not have saved his life.

## TRAIN GOES INTO STORE.

Cars Leave Rails While Crossing  
Trestle at Pine Bush.

Middletown, N. Y., Feb. 18.—A freight train on the Crawford branch of the Erie Railroad caused much excitement in Pine Bush today when it left the rails on a trestle and plunged through the side of John Decker's coal and feed store.

The trestle collapsed, the building was pretty well wrecked, a car of coal was thrown into the middle of the street, and a carload of feed went to the bottom of the trestle. The tender of the locomotive also dropped twenty feet to the ground, while the engine itself was tipped up on end, with its pilot in the air, on the very edge of the trestle.

Fireman Abram Scott jumped from the engine into a pond and narrowly escaped drowning, while Engineer Michael Duffy remained on the engine and escaped injury.

## PANAMA NEEDS GOOD MEN.

Only Graduates of Technical Schools  
Should Go to Isthmus.

Mobile, Feb. 18.—R. C. Wygant, of Newport, Oreg., who arrived here to-day from the Panama Canal Zone, says:

"There is plenty of opportunity for men of technical knowledge to get work in Panama, but one must be a graduate of one of the recognized technical schools of the country."

When asked about the report that Col. Gorgas, who has charge of the sanitary work in Panama, would go to Guayaquil at the request of the government of Ecuador to improve the sanitary condition of that city, Mr. Wygant said:

"No, Col. Gorgas will not go, as he is needed too much in Panama. It is probable, however, that some one under him will be sent."

## OPEN FIGHT ON BAILEY.

Texas Democrats Will Oppose Senator's  
Delegation.

Dallas, Texas, Feb. 18.—George W. Riddle, chairman of the Democratic Club of Texas, to-day issued a call to the Democrats of the State to hold a convention in Waco on March 7.

The stated purpose of the convention is to take steps to prevent United States Senator J. W. Bailey from being sent to the national convention at Denver as a delegate-at-large, and "to fight against the evils in political and official life which have come to be generally grouped under the name of Baileysism."

## CARDINAL FOR HIGH LICENSE

Declares Local Option Should Not  
Be Applied to Baltimore.

Baltimore, Feb. 18.—Cardinal Gibbons to-day expressed himself as strongly in favor of high license and opposed to prohibition in large cities. Said the Cardinal:

"Local option should, under no circumstances, apply to this city. Liquor would be sold here quite as abundantly under prohibition laws as under well-regulated license. The consequence will be that liquor will be dispensed contrary to law. Then, too, the city will be deprived of a large revenue which is so much needed for the government of the community."

"When a law is flagrantly, and habitually violated it brings legislation into contempt. It creates a spirit of deception and hypocrisy, and compels men to do insidiously and by stealth what they would otherwise do openly and above board."

"You cannot legislate men into the performance of good and righteous deeds. If we are to improve our city and make our citizens more temperate, let the virtue of temperance be proclaimed in the churches. Above all, let it be enforced in the family that parents, both by word and example, may inculcate in their children with temporal and spiritual blessings which spring from a life of temperance and sobriety."

## SIX VOTES FOR SECRETARY.

Ohio Candidate Accumulates More  
Strength in Home State.

Cleveland, Feb. 18.—Six district delegates to the Republican National Convention pledged to Secretary Taft were elected to-day in the Fourth, Nineteenth, and Twenty-first districts. In the Eighteenth district resolutions were adopted pledging the delegates to be named later to the War Secretary. Here a bitter fight for the nomination is on, six candidates, one for each county, holding their own delegation for seventy-five ballots to-day. Congressman Ralph D. Cole seeks to break the two-term rule of the district. In the Twenty-first the nomination of Congressman Burton was ratified and delegates elected instructed for Taft.

## OFFICEHOLDERS VICTORS.

Resolution to Bar Them from Con-  
vention Is Tabled.

Nashville, Feb. 18.—After a warm fight over the question of an executive session and the allowance of proxies, the Republican State executive committee to-day decided in favor of an executive session, the admission of one proxy, and the holding of two conventions.

A resolution to provide that no Federal officeholder shall be named as a delegate to the national convention was laid on the table.

## Much Influenza in France.

Lyons, France, Feb. 18.—Twenty per cent of the members of the Lyons garrison are ill of influenza, and 300 men are in the hospital. The disease is attended in many cases by grave complications, and the deaths average three to four daily.

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## LEADERS IN SENATE FINANCIAL DEBATE.



## KILLED BY DYNAMITE

Son-in-law of N. E. Young  
Blown to Atoms.

Joseph Hough's Widow Prostrated.  
Her Mother and Another Leave  
Washington to Go to Her—Father  
Will Join Her—Two Other Lives  
Are Lost in the Fearful Tragedy.

Joseph Hough, killed in a dynamite explosion yesterday in the factory of the General Explosive Company at Wharton, N. J., was well known in Washington.

N. J. wife, formerly Miss Harriet Soden Young, was the daughter of Nicholas E. Young, of Washington. Mr. Hough was wedded to her in this city eighteen months ago.

In response to a long distance telephone call, Mrs. N. E. Young and her son, Robert Young, left Washington last night for Wharton, where her widowed daughter lies prostrated. N. E. Young, formerly president of the National Baseball League, is expected to join his family in Wharton either to-day or to-morrow.

Mr. Hough was one of the three victims of the explosion of dynamite. The circumstances of the tragedy were unusually horrible. The body of the young official was literally blown to pieces and unrecognizable. Besides the widow, a six-months-old baby is left fatherless by the tragedy.

The marriage of Miss Young and Mr. Hough attracted interest in Washington. Miss Young had a wide circle of acquaintances and friends. Her wedding, at her father's residence, 3611 Newton street, was a quiet but attractive affair, and the couple were joyously sent on what was to prove a brief year and a half of marital happiness by a host of well-wishers.

When the tragic close of the romance of the widow and her family thronged to the Young residence to express their sorrow and sympathy and send messages of condolence.

## WILL INVITE THE LEADERS.

President and All Candidates Sched-  
uled to Address Banquet.

President Roosevelt and all the Republican Presidential candidates, including Cannon, Cortelyou, Fairbanks, Foraker, Hughes, Knox, La Follette, Shaw, and Taft, will be invited to speak at the fourth annual banquet of the District League of Republican Clubs which is to be held in Masonic Temple Saturday, April 25.

The date of the banquet was decided upon at a meeting of the executive committee of the organization last night, at which Henry M. Camp, president of the league, presided. The preliminary arrangements for the meeting were made also last night. John G. Capers, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, will be the toastmaster. He is a member of the executive committee of the league.

From present indications, the full quota of 60 tickets will have been taken up long before the date set for the dinner, and both Mr. Camp and Mr. Capers declare they propose to make the meeting one of the most enthusiastic campaign rallies ever held in Washington.

At the meeting last night T. Lincoln Townsend and H. M. Foote, representing the Pennsylvania Republican Association of the District of Columbia, were elected to membership in the district league. Another meeting of the association will be held at an early date.

## COMEDIAN A BANKRUPT.

Joe Welch Said to Have Liabilities  
of \$20,000.

New York, Feb. 18.—Joe Welch, the comedian, appeared as a voluntary bankrupt to-day at an inquiry into his affairs before Referee Nathaniel A. Prentiss.

The chief creditor is Gus Hill, the theatrical man, with a disputed claim for breach of contract. The liabilities are said to exceed \$20,000, with nominal assets.

Mrs. Welch was questioned as to an account at the Union Dime Savings Bank, where she had \$2,022 on account in the name of "Sadie Welch, in trust for Joe Welch," until February 11, when she transferred it to the Mutual Bank in her own name. She said most of the money was an inheritance from her father.

The hearing was continued to Friday, when a representative of the Mutual Bank will be called.

## The "Royal Limited."

The best-appointed train for Philadelphia and New York, leaves Washington daily at 3 p. m. via Baltimore and Ohio, arriving New York 5 p. m., landing passengers at Liberty 34 and at 23d st. It is "All Pullman" with parlor, buffet-smoking, observation and dining cars, the finest train in America, with no extra fare. Reservations made at ticket offices, 1417 G st. n.w., 619 Pa. ave., and New Union Station.

## CALLAO READY FOR FLEET.

Peruvian Town Decorates City in  
Honor of Battle Ships' Visit.

Lima, Feb. 18.—A wireless dispatch from the Connecticut, the flagship of Rear Admiral Evans, commanding the American battle-ship fleet, has been received here stating that at 9:45 o'clock this morning the fleet was 200 miles from Callao.

It is assumed that the battle ships will not enter Callao harbor until Thursday morning.

The government is causing to be posted throughout the city placards inscribed: "Welcome to the American fleet." The inscription is surrounded by the stars and stripes printed in appropriate colors. Arches have been erected at several places over the main streets, and at night these will be illuminated with red, white, and blue electric lights.

Arrangements have been made for four steamers, conveying over 1,000 excursionists, to go out from Callao Thursday morning to welcome the fleet.

## MINERS QUIT MOUNTAIN TOMB

All but One of Twenty-eight Are  
Rescued Alive.

Signals from Without Encourage Res-  
cue Party in Pennsylvania  
Coal Mine.

Shamokin, Pa., Feb. 18.—Twenty-seven of the twenty-eight workmen entombed in the Midvalley mine near Wilburton, Pa., since yesterday morning were released last night by a rescuing party. Frank Orlasky, the only victim, was killed by falling down a chute. The imprisoned men all the time heard the rescuing party at work and dug themselves part of the way through the great fall of mud and coal to meet the rescuers.

For over twelve hours the imprisoned men, seven of them experienced American miners, blasted and shoveled their way toward freedom. The sound of their operations was heard by separate rescuing parties, one working within the mine and the other boring its way through ice and snow and dirt, and efforts were renewed at the sound of each new blast from within. All these sounds told those without that the air inside was fit for breathing, but it was feared that at any moment the captives might open a vein which would cause poisonous air to sweep down upon them with fatal results.

The work of rescue was under the direction of Mine Inspector James A. O'Donnell, of the Fourteenth district, assisted by Inspector R. L. Evans, of the Fifteenth district. O'Donnell had a force of 100 men working under him, and they took their turns in regular relays.

## SUBMARINES IN THE BAY.

Diving Vessels Handed North in the  
Chesapeake Now.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 18.—The submarines Tarantula, Octopus, and Viper, conveyed to the converted yacht Hist, which sailed from New York last Sunday, made quick time down the coast, arriving off Cape Henry at 2:45 o'clock this morning. At 4 o'clock they passed in and proceeded to Lynn Haven Bay, a roadstead inside Cape Henry, which is used much by naval vessels.

From present indications, the full quota of 60 tickets will have been taken up long before the date set for the dinner, and both Mr. Camp and Mr. Capers declare they propose to make the meeting one of the most enthusiastic campaign rallies ever held in Washington.

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## CANAL DAMAGED BY ICE.

Banks Cut Badly Near Hancock—Potomac  
Flood Receding.

Hagerstown, Feb. 18.—It is reported that considerable damage was done on the upper levels of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal by the breaking up of the ice gorges in the Potomac River during the recent flood in that stream. Tons of ice were washed upon the canal banks, cutting the banks badly for some distance between Dam No. 6 and Hancock.

The canal is said to be injured on other portions. The Potomac River has receded within banks. The ice gorges at Williamsport broke last night. No damage was done.

## Panther Arrives at Callao.

Lieut. Commander V. S. Nelson, in command of the repair ship Panther, yesterday reported to the Navy Department the arrival of his ship at Callao, Peru.

The supply ships Culcoo and Glacier, also at Callao. The battle ship fleet is expected to arrive there to-day or to-morrow. It will probably remain at Callao about ten days.

Jonquilis, 25c Dozen.  
Kramer, the Florist, 515 F st.

## HEAD CUT OFF BY CAR

R. P. Shelton Killed on Great  
Falls Road.

MOTORMAN HELD BLAMELESS  
Foreman of Potomac Quarries  
Leaped on Track in Front of Fast  
Moving Car—Body Frightfully Man-  
gled—Leaves Widow and Several  
Children—Crew Is Exonerated.

Robert P. Shelton, of 123 Thirty-third street northwest, foreman for the Potomac Stone Quarry Company, was struck and instantly killed by an electric car of the Great Falls and Old Dominion Railway near Cherrydale, Va., yesterday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

Shelton was returning at the time to his home in Georgetown. A few minutes before 6 o'clock he left one of the company's quarries on the Virginia shore of the Potomac. Accompanied by a fellow-workman named Michael Sherry, he started in the direction of the electric car tracks. When they had nearly reached the station at Cherrydale the car hove in sight.

In hopes of catching it, both men started in a run. On reaching the tracks, Shelton attempted to cross over to the other side in front of the on-coming car. Sherry, however, remained standing beside the west-bound track.

According to the witnesses of the accident, Shelton appeared to become suddenly bewildered, and apparently was unable to tell on which track the car was running. Before the motorman was able to check the speed of the car, it hit Shelton.

He was struck by the fender of the car and knocked down, his body rolling under the rear wheels of the front truck. Death was instantaneous.

His body was frightfully mangled, the head being almost completely severed from his body.

The car was in charge of Conductor Donaldson and of Motorman Cokerille, registered as two of the most competent men on the road.

Dr. S. T. Ashton, of Ballston, Va., corner of Alexandria County, was notified, and immediately hurried to the scene. An inquest was held.

## Crew Crew Exonerated.

The motorman testified that Shelton stepped in front of his car, which was slowing down for the station, and that he immediately reversed the car and placed on the air brakes, stopping the car in about its length, but that it was impossible to prevent the accident.

The coroner's jury, after hearing all the evidence, held that the employees of the road were "not responsible in the least," and that death was due to unavoidable accident.

The body was brought to this city, and after being prepared for burial was taken to the home of the deceased.

Mr. Shelton had been employed by the Charles G. Smith & Son Co., who operate the quarries, for nearly twenty years. He leaves a widow and several children. Arrangements have not yet been made for the funeral.

## QUICKLY SENTENCED TO DEATH

Negro Arrested on Friday, Indicted  
Monday, and Found Guilty.

Tazewell, Va., Feb. 18.—Arrested on Friday, indicted on Monday, tried and sentenced to hang for his crime to-day, is the record of the Tazewell Circuit Court in the case of Walter Rippey, colored, the confessed assailant of Mrs. Mary Dancy, whom, under threat of killing her baby, he forced to accompany him into the mountains from the high road.

Strong men wept when the young woman related in court her harrowing tale of mistreatment. The court had to delay more than once in order that she might regain her composure. The court sent a member of the law firm of Woodward, Kisselburg & Hopkins.

Edmund S. Hopkins Dies Suddenly.  
New York, Feb. 18.—Edmund S. Hopkins, formerly assistant attorney general of Rhode Island, who in that capacity prosecuted Richard Canfield and had him sent to jail, died suddenly this afternoon. For two years Mr. Hopkins had been a member of the law firm of Woodward, Kisselburg & Hopkins.

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vision and pays interest on all accounts.

## WOMAN SLAYER INSANE.

Frank Cauthorn Acquitted—Killed Old  
Sweetheart Who Refused to Elope.

Christiansburg, Va., Feb. 18.—Frank Cauthorn, charged with the murder of Mrs. Sydney Jones, whom he killed because she would not desert her husband and elope with him, was this afternoon acquitted of the crime on the ground of insanity.

Mrs. Jones, who was Cauthorn's sweetheart before her marriage, was alone in her home when the murder occurred. Cauthorn confessed to the killing, saying he had rather see the girl dead than the wife of another man.

Cauthorn put his arm around Mrs. Jones and begged her to run away with him, and even she refused when he dead. He says he had contemplated the deed ever since she was married to Jones a year ago.

The community is much incensed that Cauthorn is not to answer the penalty for the crime.

## STOESSEL TAKES ALL BLAME.

Asks that Only His Blood Be Shed by  
Court-martial.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—Gen. Stoessel, in making his final speech to the court-martial which is trying him, took the whole responsibility for the surrender of Port Arthur, which, he declared, could only have resisted a few hours longer at the cost of 20,000 lives.

He pleaded, if the surrender demanded expiation by blood, that the blood be his only. Gen. Reuse said he had only fulfilled his orders, and he was willing to take the consequences. He did not ask for mercy. It is expected the verdict will be given to-morrow.

## FOR ALL BABIES, \$500.

New Association Promises Gold Re-  
ward—\$1,000 for Twins.

Binghamton, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Agents of the North American Parents' Benevolent Association, in business at 125 Broadway, New York, called at the marriage license bureau in the city clerk's office to-day to leave circulars and other literature, all bearing the legend "\$500 in gold for a baby."

They asked that they should be given out to all applicants for marriage licenses. For every baby born in the household the benevolent association promises to pay \$500, and, of course, twins draw \$1,000. This can be enjoyed by paying \$5 membership and dues of \$2, as well as a monthly assessment, the sum of which is not announced.

The blizzard advanced eastward with increasing intensity and extent and has caused precipitation during the past twenty-four hours from the Rocky Mountains eastward to Lake Michigan in the form of snow in northern sections and rain in the South. The center of the disturbance is in Western Missouri, the temperature having risen in front of the storm, but falling in the Northwest. Traffic of all kinds and telegraph and telephone communication generally were interfered with.

## AMERICAN AUTO IN THE LEAD

French Car Close Second in New  
York to Paris Race.

United States Driver Starts West  
from Cleveland Ahead of  
Competitor.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 18.—Vowing he had been given the double cross by the drivers of the French and Italian entrants in the New York to Paris automobile race, the driver of the American car entered Cleveland in the lead at 11:40 this morning. The damaged machine is being repaired, and by the end of the week all the men thrown temporarily out of work will have resumed their positions.

At Norwalk, the Frenchman was only three minutes behind the American, going through the city at 4:54. Neither halted. The Frenchman did not hesitate in Cleveland longer than was necessary to snatch sandwiches for members of the party in the car, which was done on the eastern outskirts of the city, and the machine charged down Euclid avenue and westward out Detroit avenue at great speed.

The Italian car arrived at 7 o'clock this evening, travel-marred, but ready to forge ahead, according to the driver.

No word has been received here of the other contestants.

Erie, Pa., Feb. 18.—The German racer in the New York to Paris contest, now fourth in the run, arrived in this city for the night stop at 8:12 o'clock this evening.

Buffalo, Feb. 18.—The second French car in the New York to Paris automobile race arrived here to-night with a rear axle bent nearly double. If repairs are finished by to-morrow morning the car will start eastward at 7 o'clock. The German car started westward at 2 p. m. to-day, and at 6 o'clock was past Fredonia, and running without mishap.

## BANDIT SLAIN IN DUEL.

Mexican Brigand Killed by the  
Prospective Victim.

Mexico, Feb. 18.—Julian Reyes, the chief of the band of brigands who have been operating in the mountain districts of the State of Durango for several years, has been killed by Tiburcio Cabrera, the owner of a ranch.

Reyes had a record of more than giving information to the authorities as to his whereabouts and he went to the ranch to kill him. The two men had a duel at close quarters with pistols, Cabrera getting in a fatal shot.

Reyes had a record of more than twenty murders and innumerable robberies. The body of the bandit chief was taken to Durango and exhibited to the state authorities in proof that he was dead.

## FEW SUFFRAGETTES AT WORK.

London Women Decline to Collect  
During Bad Weather.

London, Feb. 18.—Owing to a wet morning and a raw afternoon, no suffragettes were out on the streets to-day prosecuting the collection campaign, although the weather conditions might have been thought ideal for those of them who had elected to sweep crossings. A few were engaged collecting in the railway stations. They say they are doing well.

A lady offered one of the collectors a year's rent, £125. Considerable jewelry was also received.

## At Sloan's To-day.

The Oshima sale opens at Sloan's, 140 G st., to-day at 11 a. m. and 2 p. m. Rooms comfortable and seats provided. Catalogues on application to the auctioneers.

A la Carte Lunch Served Daily  
At Eckstein's from 12 to 2. 142 N. Y. ave.

Special Sale of Axles  
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IN BLIZZARD'S GRIPStreet Car Traffic Is Para-  
lyzed in Chicago.

## ICE - BOUND TUGS SINK

Snowfall Equals the Weather  
Bureau Record in City.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—The Central Western States are in the grasp of a severe blizzard, the worst for several years.

A light, fine snow, accompanied by a strong western wind, set in about noon, reaching its climax about 6 o'clock to-night, making a new record. But two in the history of the local weather bureau has so much snow fallen in the same period of time. It paralyzed street car traffic early in the afternoon, and later on the steam railroads were compelled to yield to the fury of the elements, their trains being stalled in the yards in the city.

Much inconvenience was caused to people living in the suburbs and outlying districts, traffic of all kinds being impeded. Late in the evening the storm abated somewhat and traffic was resumed, after a fashion.

Two Tugs Sunk.  
Two tugs were icebound outside the harbor, one of which was pounded to pieces and sunk, two of the crew drowning. Two section hands on the Wisconsin Central Railroad were run down by a train and fatally injured.

The storm headed this way from St. Joseph, Mo., where a heavy blizzard is still raging.

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Forty-seven-foot Stage.  
Gallipolis, Ohio, Feb. 18.—The crest of the Ohio River flood passed here to-day, a stage of forty-seven feet being reported